

Briefly

La Luz gate hours

The La Luz gate hours have changed. It's open from 5:30 to 9 a.m., and 3 to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The hours are temporary during the summer, or as manning will allow.

Change of command

The 46th Test Group change of command ceremony is at 8 a.m., today at the Test Track Alpha Pad.

Family day

The 49th Fighter Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt named Thursday a base-wide family/down day.

Free movie



Army Air Force Exchange Services offers a free movie, Sinbad, at 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at the Base Theater. There will be 300 tickets given away at the Base Exchange customer service desk and at the Mini Mall. Anyone who wishes to see the movie must have a ticket to get in.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

Hats off to the Summer Reading Program

Lorie Donohue helps her 3-year-old son Jake put on his hat made from a paper sack at the Base Library's Summer Reading Program. More than 290 children are enrolled in the program that meets at 10 a.m., Tuesday to Thursday. The program begins with a story and ends with a craft. For more information about the program call the library at 572-3939.

Promotion rates down

One hundred thirty one Team Holloman members were selected for promotion during the 2003 promotion cycles to technical and master sergeant.

Forty four were selected for promotion to master sergeant while 87 were selected for technical sergeant.

The Air Force has selected 4,832 of 18,903 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 25.56 percent selection rate; and 7,116 of 32,501 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 21.89 percent selection rate.

Higher retention rates - opening fewer vacancies at each rank - were one reason promotion rates are lower than last year, officials said.

The final tally will increase as we receive and score tests for those members currently deployed, said officials. As usual, each of those airmen has from 30-60 days after they return home to test.

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Air Force ends Stop-Loss

The last of the airmen whose retirement or separation was delayed by Stop-Loss for Operation Iraqi Freedom were released June 23 and will be eligible to leave July 31.

Air Force officials authorized Stop-Loss for 43 officer and 56

enlisted specialties in early March to meet national security objectives, specifically the war in Iraq. More than half of the specialties — 31 officer and 20 enlisted — were released from the program May 14.

Michael Dominguez, assistant

secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, said the program's success, meaning victory in the war, led directly to its conclusion.

"Because we were able to re-

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Martha Whipple

Lt. Col. Mark Buccigrossi performs a preflight inspection on an F-4. Buccigrossi took command of the 20th Fighter Squadron June 20.

New sheriff's in town

**by Airman 1st Class
Martha Whipple**
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Silver Lobos of the 20th Fighter Squadron saluted a new commander during a change of command ceremony June 20.

Lt. Col. Mark Buccigrossi took command as Lt. Col. Mark Kelly moves to Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. to attend Air War College.

"There's not a person better qualified to take the stick for the next leg of this mission than Buccigrossi," Kelly said. "A dyed-in-the-wool F-4 veteran, he has been there, seen that and got the T-shirt on all things related to the F-4."

Buccigrossi has a deep-rooted history at Holloman, according to 49th Operations Group Commander Col. Andrew Papp. Buccigrossi has been flying the F-4 since 1984. He was selected as the 1992 Top Weapons School Officer for the F-4 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course.

"In an Air Force of 'Viper babies', 'eagle drivers' and the like, Buccigrossi could easily be called Mr. Rhino," Papp said. "He has pretty much done it all in the Phantom. In fact, it was Buccigrossi who taught Kelly how to fly the F-4."

He's served as the director

of staff and the electronic warfare officer for the F-117A mission planning. Now he serves again at the 20th FS.

"I'm truly honored to be the newest Silver Lobo commander and holder of the 'Wolf' call sign," Buccigrossi said. "You've heard the old adage, 'There's a new sheriff in town,' but the mission of the 20th Fighter Squadron has not changed."

He said the members of the 20th FS will continue to train the world's greatest fighter aircrews and fighter weapons instructors for the German air force.

"As the German air force transitions to the next generation of fighter aircraft, I'm proud to say that we have laid a solid foundation for their future fighter aviators," Buccigrossi said. "I've seen this squadron evolve and mature into the finest phantom fighter squadron in the world."

He said he looks forward to the continue partnership with DynCorp, NLX and LB&B.

"Their support in providing a safe, mission-capable aircraft, and outstanding academic and simulator support are critical to our training success," he said. "I'm thrilled to be back in the squadron and continuing the outstanding traditions shared among the Silver Lobos."

Water main floods Weapons School

by **Laura Pellegrino**
Sunburst staff writer

A water main break in building 302 caused the evacuation of 50 soaking wet Department of Defense employees June 18. The flood is estimated to have caused at least \$10,000 in damage to computer equipment in the building.

The leak started when a connector between a poly vinyl chloride pipe and a cast iron pipe that supplies water for the fire sprinklers broke open. Water poured through the ceiling tiles and spread into several offices in the front of the building.

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Assistant Chief Harvey Stevens said there was about three inches of water on the ground.

“It was like a cartoon,” Stevens said. “We opened the

doors and everything started floating out; computers, people, pieces of the ceiling.”

Maj. Todd Emmons, 417th Weapons School instructor, was inside the building when the pipe broke.

“I was in a meeting when I heard a sound like a waterfall,” he said.

Master Sgt. Laura Santos, 49th Fighter Wing superintendent, was in the office next door and was the first to see the water.

“I was sitting at my desk and I heard a noise,” she said. “I looked up at the right hand corner of the ceiling and saw water gushing down.”

The team was able to salvage a lot of equipment. Unfortunately, the storage room for computers waiting to be used was almost directly below the broken pipe. There was no furniture in that room and all of the equipment was on the floor.

“We were supposed to have furniture delivered this month, but it wasn’t in yet,” Emmons said. “I could only pick up two computers and put them on a desk in that room. Everything else was already wet.”

Luckily, the flood damage won’t set back the team’s mission. The WPS is starting its first F-117 Weapons Instructor Course July 1.

“The building had been under construction for six months,” Emmons said. “Even though we didn’t have all of the furniture in yet, everything else was ready.”

With the help of those inside the building, the damage was less than it could have been, said Lt. Col. Mike Senna, 7th Combat Training Squadron Operations Group deputy commander.

“The quick and decisive actions on the part of the personnel probably saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in computer equipment,” Senna said. “They saved the day.”

Rates

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“People who have been deployed will be allowed to test when they return, and we’ll automatically consider them for promotion. We do this on a monthly basis until everyone is considered.” said Chief Master Sgt. Mark Billingsley, en-

The following technical sergeants were selected for promotion to master sergeant:

49th Fighter Wing
Avis Largey

49th Mission Support Sq.
Jeffrey Cole

49th Security Forces Sq.
Jay Lockwood

49th Services Squadron
James Segler

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Daniel Holdridge
Ricky Johnson Jr.
John Meyer

49th Contracting Squadron
Michael Parsons
Joel Samuelson

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Arthur Belmore
Brian Burghart
Merrill Burrows
Kimberly Clark
Frank Garripoli
David Henley

49th Materiel Maintenance Group
Bruce Knee

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Paul Smith

listed promotions branch chief.

The master sergeant selection rate dropped 7.67 percent from last year, while this year’s technical sergeant rate fell 11.62 percent from last year.

“Overall, we are seeing tech and master ser-

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron
Allen Pratt

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Torrance Norris
Desmond Prosper

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Lorena Luebker

49th Maintenance Group
Daniel Caywood
Ted Larson
Martin Massey
Steven Weipert

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Mark Garwood
Richard Sharpe
Thomas Spencer
Mark Tibbett

49th Maintenance Squadron
Ronald Costa
Michael Kester
Arturo Martinez
Anthony Mula
Albert Sandoval
Deanna Shofner
Shelli Tree
Fiailoa Vaielua
Victor Vigil

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Gary Bond

geant promotion rates drop down to about where we suggested as we reach the goal of increasing the ‘top five’ enlisted grades from 48 to 56 percent (of the enlisted force),” Billingsley said. “It’s important to keep this in perspective — these are

9th Fighter Squadron
Deanna Bloomquist

8th Fighter Squadron
Randall Yoder

49th Operations Support Squadron
Timothy Yelder

4th Space Control Squadron
Philip Carpenter
Johnnie Kee Jr.

The following staff sergeants were selected for promotion to technical sergeant:

49th Fighter Wing
Spencer Arnold
Alicia Lewis
Reny Nunag
Charyl Samson

49th Mission Support Squadron
Christopher Polk
James Witmer Jr.

49th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Donna Brokop
Leroy Brooks Jr.
Anthony Davis
Lance Harris
Christopher Howard
Judith Jones
Glynn McDonald
Arlene McKenzie
Timothy Peedin

49th Communications Sq.
Quincy Allen

the fifth highest rates of the last 20 years. That’s pretty remarkable, and should encourage people that the next stripe is still well within reach.”

The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center’s web page, [http://](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/)

Christopher Asuncion
Thomas Fuller
Jonathan Vetter

49th Security Forces Sq.
Brent Paul
Noretta Rasmussen
James Smith

49th Services Squadron
Manuel Gaytan
Helen West

49th Civil Engineer Squadron
Leon Calloway
Edward Cannon
John Heffner
Steven Holt
Duncan Mason

49th Maintenance Group
Michael Chavez
Stephen Middleton
Ronald St. Denis

49th Maintenance Squadron
Anthony Alford
Vernon Blade Jr.
David Boyd
Hubert Buchanan
Everett Dryden
Lee Elrod
Raynard Gaines
Ray Herman Jr.
Daniel Kadous
Manuel Martinez
James Richardson
Mark Schnellhammer
Patrick Skelton
Norvel Slaughter
Mario Taylor
David Utecht
Barbara Willis

www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/, by 6 p.m. today.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in early July, allowing them to see just how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against others

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron
Denise Banks
Clarence Court
Joel Dennis
David Polister

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Douglas Atwood
Gary Bottoms
Steven Dickover
Preston Hidlebaugh
Oscar Jimenez
Gregory McLarty
Darcy Polk
Justin Purvis
Ruddie Ramsey
Greggory Sinclair
Paul Wyatt

49th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Samantha Durden

49th Medical Operations Squadron
Barbara Booth

49th Medical Support Squadron
Brenda Martinez-Lashley

49th Materiel Maintenance Group
Rhonda Eaddy

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron
Darren Williams

within their Air Force Specialty Code.

Each individual can also get an electronic copy of his or her score notice by logging into the virtual Military Personnel Flight website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. (AFPN)

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron
Tweege Moreno
Stephen Sutherlin
Sandra Whittington

8th Fighter Squadron
Kenneth Bryan
Daniel Broesche

49th Operations Support Squadron
Leroy Alvarez Jr.
Joel Rybarczyk
Emili Sadler
Travis Swallows
Fernando Valdez Jr.
Johnny Wourman

Detachment 1, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron
Timothy Lewis

Detachment 10, 372nd Training Squadron
Eric Pina

Detachment 1, 53rd Test and Evaluations Group
Patrick Pehowic

46th Test Group
Fred Spencer
Christopher Tuggle

4th Space Control Squadron
Leon Nab

Military Entrance Processing Command
Vicky Rhone



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Holloman Hero

Senior Airman Jackson Barroso 49th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Duty title: Maintenance Instructor

Time in service: Three years

Time at Holloman: Two years and six months

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Personal and career goals:

My personal goals are to stay open minded and obtain as much knowledge as possible every day so that I can strive for perfection at work and at home; and, be an outstanding husband and father. My career goals are to finish my bachelors degree so that I may become an officer and retire after 20 years of service.

Why is serving in the Air Force important to you?

Serving in the Air Force is important to me because it has helped me to mature in so many ways. It gives me a sense of pride and accomplishment. It's great to be able to teach and know that I had an influence on those individuals who are making the mission happen.

Core value portrayed: "Service before self"

"Barroso continuously gives his all to ensure that every F-117A Nighthawk maintainer receives superb training. His standout performance is obvious in that he is a senior airman filling a technical sergeant position, and he fills the shoes exceptionally well. He is very proactive and can often be found staying late at work, not because working late gets noticed, but rather because his sense of duty drives him to nothing less than excellence. He is responsible for teaching courses such as Dedicated Crew Chief, Core Automated Maintenance, and Self-Aid and Buddy Care. He is also the building custodian for building 513, making him responsible for over \$15 million of F-117 maintenance training equipment. He is truly an outstanding individual and makes us all proud to serve along side him."

– Maj. Mark E. Rose

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron

The Holloman Hero submission form is now online. It can be downloaded at: https://wwwmil.holloman.af.mil/wing/49FW_PA/internal.html

DWI Update

Days since
last DWI
DWIs year
to date
DWIs this time
last year

15
14
14

Last six DWIs:

• 49 LRS	June 12
• 49 MMS	June 7
• 49 MXS*	May 31
• 49 LRS*	March 2
• 49 MMS	March 1
• 49 CES*	Jan. 17

572-RIDE works!

*Calls MADE are
lives SAVED.*

Calls:
Year to date: 285
Last week: 16

*(The DWI update and 572-RIDE reflect FY 2003. The * denotes family member or civilian employee.)*

Holloman Chapel Services

Weekday Masses – 11:30 a.m.,
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday.

Sunday – Catholic Mass, 9:30 a.m.
and 5 p.m.

• Sacrament of Penance, 4 p.m.

• General Protestant Worship Service,
11 a.m.

• Protestant Contemporary Worship
Service, 6:30 p.m.

• Protestant and Catholic Religious Edu-
cation resumes Sept. 14

Call 572-7214 for more information.

49th Fighter Wing Commander's Access Channel

The commander's access channel, cable channel 3, offers up-to-date information about current security conditions, closures on base, hours of various programs on base and community information about what programs and events are available at Holloman and in the local area. The commander's access channel also features the following videos today through Thursday:

- Air Force Television News: 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Return Reunion: 7 a.m., noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



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A cut above the rest

Col. June Gavron, 49th Medical Group commander, and Brig. Gen. Jim Hunt, 49th Fighter Wing commander, cut the ribbon to officially open Phase I of the 49th MDG Community Health Clinic's military construction project. Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Women's Health, Family Practice and Flight Medicine are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in new locations at the south side of the clinic. Patients should park on the Ambulatory Response Element side of the building for easiest access until construction is completed in August 2003.

ACC joins campaign to prevent drunk driving, save lives

by 2nd Lt. Anna Siegel
Air Combat Command Public Affairs

Air Combat Command is joining hands with law enforcement officials nationwide to crack down on drunk and drugged driving in the "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." campaign taking place June 27 to July 13.

Bases will be asked to participate in this campaign, which is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in partnership with the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign, and is endorsed by the Department of Defense.

Wing safety, security forces and public affairs offices will team up to use traffic enforcement, education and publicity to make sure every airman on base knows the consequences of impaired driving, said Gerald Dvorak, an ACC/SF police services and information security manager.

"Each base's activities will vary, depending on its manpower and operational requirements," he said. "But, everyone will get involved at

some level to save lives this summer."

Tools base officials might use are sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and intersection patrols, he said. Commanders will be encouraged to promote programs such as Share a Ride and Airmen Against Drunk Driving.

"It's really an extension of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign, with special attention on the Fourth of July holiday weekend," Mr. Dvorak said.

Young adults, particularly men ages 18 to 34, are statistically the most likely to drive impaired, according to the NHTSA.

"For this reason, (the Air Force's) participation in these crackdowns is essential to reducing the number of alcohol-related traffic injuries and fatalities among this group, as well as increasing awareness of the often-fatal consequences of driving impaired," said Josh Abner, the head of the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign.

Assessment survey deadline extended

by Laura Pellegrino
Sunburst staff writer

The 49th Medical Group Family Advocacy team has announced an extension on the deadline for Team Holloman members to return the Needs Assessment Survey.

The original deadline, the end of June, has been moved to July 15 in an attempt to reach a goal of 60 percent returned surveys.

In a final effort to encourage people to complete the survey, flyers will also be posted at the Child Development Center, the Family Support Center, Base Exchange, Commissary, and the Health and Wellness Center.

“This is a simple reminder to let people know that this assessment is very important,” said Howard Hill Family Advocacy outreach manager. “If even one more person completes the survey, it’s worth it.”

Hill said the assessment results help to improve existing programs and create new ones.

For example, results from previous surveys showed some members did not have the money to take their family to the Base Pool. Now, access to the pool is free of charge.

“This is an opportunity for Team Holloman to tell the Air Force what they think of the services available to them,” Hill said. “People say there’s no one listening to their needs, but here’s their chance. We’re listening.”

Family Advocacy has received enough surveys to be statistically significant, but the team wants to give members every chance to voice their opinions, Hill said.

According to the Family Advocacy Research director Maj. James Whitworth, the survey is now being sent out to more than 180,000 randomly chosen active-duty and Reserve airmen and their spouses.

The survey has been conducted Air Force wide every two years since 1993.

For more information about the survey, please contact Howard Hill at 572-7061.

STOP LOSS

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tain these Air Force members and their expertise to contribute to the major combat phase of the war, we were able to complete that part of the mission as planned and may now allow these American heroes to move on with their lives,” he said.

The Stop-Loss release applies to all active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard people in all enlisted grades and officers in the grade of colonel and below; however, deployed airmen must remain in place for the duration of their deployment, he added.

Military personnel flight officials will contact people who had a previously approved or suspended retirement or separation to review their options and establish a new departure date.

Released airmen will be allowed up to five months transition time. (AFPN)



The 49th Security Forces Squadron handled the following incidents June 17 to June 23.

Tickets

Security forces issued a total of 15 citations this week: one for careless driving without regard for road width/grade/curves/corners, four for failure to stop, two for failure to wear safety belt, one for improper turning movements/no official sign involved, one for limitations on backing, one for prohibited area motorcycle, one for speeding 20 mph over the posted speed limit, three for speeding one to 10 mph over the posted speed limit, and one for trespassing.

Theft or damage to government and private property

- June 17: A civilian driving a bus struck the front gate’s inbound ballard when she attempted to enter the base.
- June 17: A family member reported her fountain liner damaged.
- June 18: An unknown individual reported the roof of building 302 collapsing due to a water main break.
- June 18: A family member reported his wallet containing over \$120 and all identification missing.
- June 18: An NCO reported his son had lost his bag, cell phone and dependant ID card
- June 19: A family member reported her son’s bicycle missing from their on-base quarters.

• June 20: A German air force senior NCO driving a private-owned vehicle struck a retiree’s POV as he backed out of a parking spot.

• June 20: A family member was found to be in possession of a possible stolen bicycle.

Patrol Response

- June 17: A dog bit a family member after she attempted to pick it up.
- June 17: An officer reported \$300, which had been stored in his locker at work, missing.
- June 17: Three juvenile family members were detained for curfew violations.
- June 19: A senior NCO requested the administration of a blood alcohol content test on an airman due to drunkenness.
- June 20: A civilian was issued a citation for trespassing after she jumped the fence in order to gain access to the base.
- June 21: An AAFES employee reported a “gas-n-go” in the amount of \$5 at the AAFES Shoppette.
- June 23: An NCO reported damage to the government-owned vehicle wash rack at building 192.

Civil Arrest

- June 22: Two airman were detained by the New Mexico State Police for assault with a deadly weapon.

Missing ID cards, vehicle decals and restricted area badges

There were 10 reports of missing identification cards this week: Six active duty IDs, three family member IDs and one retiree ID.

These incidents can become breaches of security. If personnel have a military issued ID card stolen or lost, or a DD Form 2220, vehicle decals, stolen from a vehicle or missing from the squadron’s inventory, report it to security forces immediately.

Security forces can be alerted to look for the missing item, given the information and serial numbers placed on each accountable item.

Team Holloman salutes...

... the following airman who graduated Airman Leadership School Class 03E, June 23.

49th Operations Support Squadron

Senior Airman Kevin Alexander
Senior Airman William Denial
Staff Sgt. Jason Jones
Senior Airman Ryan Slattery

49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Michael Derusha
Senior Airman James Gonzales
Senior Airman Federeck Maurath III
Senior Airman Randy Pereira
Senior Airman Joshua Slevin
Senior Airman Bradly Smith
49th Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Jacob Beck
Senior Airman William Coburn
Senior Airman Jason Jenkins

Senior Airman Kristefer Moneymaker
Senior Airman David Rafter
Senior Airman Jeffrey Reed

49th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Senior Airman William Reitman

49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Tyrone Forbes
Senior Airman Dennie Goodwin
Senior Airman Devon Liladrie
Senior Airman Pawel Nowacki
Senior Airman Joseph Inman

49th Materiel Maintenance Support Squadron

Senior Airman Witold Saladyga

49th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Jeremy Lenker
Senior Airman Raquel Vasquez

49th Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Richard Dimaggio Jr.

4th Space Control Squadron

Senior Airman Robert Wellborn

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Golf Standings

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49th CES (A)	7	5
49th LRS (A)	5	5
49th CS	8	3
49th MOS	5	5

Schedule

July 1 -- 12p.m.

Hole 1: 49th MOS vs. 49th LRS A
Hole 2: 49th SFSvs. 49th CES
Hole 4: 49th MMG vs. 49th LRS B
Hole 7: 49th CS vs. 46th TG
Hole 8: 49th SVS vs. 46th MXS

July 8 -- 12p.m.

Hole 1: 49th MMG vs. 49th SFS
Hole 2: 49th SVS vs. 49th CES
Hole 4: 49th CS vs. 49th LRS B
Hole 7: 49th MOS vs. 49th MXS
Hole 8: 49th LRS A vs. 46th TG

July 15 -- 12p.m.

Hole 1: 49th LRS B vs. 46th TG
Hole 2: 49th CES vs. 49th LRS A
Hole 4: 49th SVSB vs. 49th CS
Hole 7: 49th MMGvs. 46th MOS
Hole 8: 49th SFSvs. 46th MXS

July 22 -- 12p.m.

Hole 1: 49th LRS B vs. 46th TG
Hole 2: 49th CES vs. 49th LRS A
Hole 4: 49th SVSB vs. 49th CS
Hole 7: 49th MMGvs. 49th MOS
Hole 8: 49th SFSvs. 49th MXS

July 29 -- 12p.m.

Hole 1: 49th LRS B vs. 46th TG
Hole 2: 49th CES vs. 49th LRS A
Hole 4: 49th SVSB vs. 49th CS
Hole 7: 49th MMGvs. 49th MOS
Hole 8: 49th SFSvs. 49th MXS

For more information about current or upcoming Intramural leagues, contact the sports director at the Fitness and Sports Center at 572-3256.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Vanessa LaBoy

Smooth

Liz Jaramillo prepares a raspberry smoothie at the Nutrition Connection at the Fitness and Sports Center. The Nutrition Connection is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Photos by Noelle Perrin

Play off action

Top: Bobbie Rowe, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron, pulls his bat back to swing at a pitch from 4th Space Control Squadron pitcher, Christopher Guzman during intramural softball play off action Tuesday at Johnson field.

Left: Gary Perrin, 4th Space Control Squadron left fielder, jumps to catch a fly ball during 4th SPCS 23-15 win over 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron uesday at Johnson Field.

Celebrate freedom safely

Fireworks have been a part of America’s Independence Day celebrations since the first one on July 4, 1777 in Philadelphia, Pa. Perhaps John Adams was the first to start this tradition by writing these words (about the Declaration of Independence) to his wife: “I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival... it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other...”

However the tradition of using “illuminations” in the sky to celebrate Independence Day began, Americans expect to see fireworks in the sky on the holiday. Many people may choose to buy their own fireworks but there are safety issues to consider before deciding to set them off.

The City of Alamogordo has a fire ban this year that will remain in effect for the Fourth of July celebrations. Regulations on Holloman prohibit the use of all fireworks on base, except for contractor’s personnel setting off the fireworks for the 49th Services Squadron’s official fireworks display on July 5.

“We ask that our folks use common sense,” said Harvey Stevens, 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection assistant chief. “With the amount of dry vegetation in the area, this (fire) is one of our greatest concerns.”

Alamogordo’s fire ban that is currently in effect prohibits open burning of any kind until further notice, and fireworks used in the city must follow standards set forth in the fireworks ordinance. That ordinance prohibits fireworks that go higher than 10 feet in the air or that are louder than a cap pistol.

“Something as simple as a sparkler if dropped or a misguided spinner that lands in the wrong area could be a source of ignition for ground fire in this area,” Stevens said.

Ground-type fireworks are permitted off base, on private land. These include fountains, spinners, snakes, sparklers, poppers and smoke items like smoke bombs and colored smoke cylinders.

According to Joe Bailey, Alamogordo Department of Public Safety Fire Services commander, there will be extra law enforcement officers in the area. The fine for using illegal fireworks can be \$500 and up to 90 days in jail.

“If using ground-type fireworks this year (off base), it’s important that a safe zone 15 to 20 feet around the display area is established,” Stevens advises. “This area should be free of dried vegetation (concrete pad preferably), free of roof and tree overhangs and tripping hazards on the ground. This is for protection of the individual lighting the pyrotechnics as well as the spectator.”

According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, safety is a serious concern when using fireworks. In 2000, 152.6 million pounds of fireworks were used in the United States and for every 100,000 pounds used that year there was an estimated 7.2 injuries. In addition to injuries, fireworks caused 2,532 fires in the United States in



Courtesy photo

Holloman’s firework display is 9:30 p.m., July 5 at the Fitness and Sports Center.

1997, which resulted in a loss of more than 5.4 million dollars.

“According to Prevent Blindness in America, nearly 13,000 fireworks victims keep hospitals busy every year and more than half of those injured are children,” Stevens said. “Fireworks not only injure users, but also 40 percent of fireworks mishaps injure bystanders.”

There are many official fireworks displays scheduled in the local area as part of Fourth of July celebrations. These include Holloman’s display, which begins at 9:30 p.m., July 5, and Alamogordo’s display at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, which begins at approximately 9:15 p.m., July 4 .

According to Stevens, the only exception to Holloman’s no fireworks ban is if Holloman members purchase sparklers for their children. Sparklers can only be used on base if there is strict adult supervision and they are disposed of properly (soaking them in water before placing in the trash) after burning out.

“We want everyone to enjoy the holiday,” Stevens said. “But above all, please be safe.”

For more information on fireworks safety, visit the American Pyrotechnics Association’s website at www.americanpyro.com.

On the side

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight offers the following tips to follow if using ground-type fireworks this year in Alamogordo:

- Never give fireworks to small children.
- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present at all times.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Always have water handy, (a garden hose and a bucket of water).
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never attempt to re-light a “dud” firework. Wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in a trash can.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- The individual lighting the fireworks should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.

Independence Day hours

The following facilities are closed
July 4: Clothing sales and Alterations, Frank's Franks, Popeye's Chicken, Anthony's Pizza, Robin Hood, Theater, Beauty and Barber Shops, Dry Cleaners, Optical Shop, Flower Shop, Olive Branch and the General Nutrition Center.

- Base Exchange: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mini Mall: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Rent a Car: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone only)
- McDonalds: 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sertoma Speedway

Outdoor Recreation offers transportation to Sertoma Speedway at 6 p.m., every Friday. Cost is \$6.50 per person for transportation and general admission. Sign up each Wednesday through Outdoor Recreation at 572-5369.

FSC

The Family Support Center offers the following classes and events at the FSC, building 40:

- Spouse Employment Workshop, 12:30 p.m., Monday.
- Financial Management: 8 a.m., Tuesday.
- TSP/REDUX: 1 p.m., Tuesday.
- Smooth Move: 2 p.m., Wednesday.
- Parents of Multiples: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday.

For more information, contact the FSC at 572-7754 or visit the website at www.mil.holloman.af.mil/sptg/mss/fsc.

Summer of the Airman

The Airman's Advisory Council will be hosting the following events:

- Airman's barbecue from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., July 19, at Steinhoff Park behind the Officers' Club. Free food and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.
- Jazz night from 7 p.m. to midnight, Aug 16, at the Oasis Enlisted Club. Alcoholic beverages will be available to members who are 21 and up, and a Cajun-style buffet served. A designated driver program will be available.

HESO

The Holloman Enlisted Spouses Organization meets at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month, in the Community Center. The new officers are: President: Lori Howard; Vice President: Tara

On the BIG SCREEN

It Runs in the Family

7 p.m., Today, Saturday, Sunday and Thursday
10 p.m., Today and Saturday

*Movies are subject to change.
For more information, call 572-3286.*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Sam Park

Coming to America

Staff Sgt. Tanisha Nicholson, 49th Materiel Maintenance Squadron models a traditional African attire during the African-American Heritage Juneteenth celebration June 19 at the enlisted club.

Bottoms; Treasurer: Michelle Helferich; Secretary: Shannon Dickover.

Kid's Play Zone

The Kidsports Zone in the Whispering Sands Community Center is open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. This play zone is for children one to ten-

years-old with parental supervision at all times. Cost is \$20 for a 30-visit pass, \$10 for a 13-visit pass, \$5 for a 6-visit pass, and \$1 for a two-hour visit.

Air Force news

Team Holloman members who live on or off base can tune into Air Force news

at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., every day on channels one and 97.

Change of command

The 49th Civil Engineer Squadron change of command is at 9 a.m., July 16 in the building 55 parking lot.

Red Cross

The Youth and Teen Center is updating the referral list for Red Cross trained babysitters. Youth ages 12 to 18 who have taken the course and wish to be placed on the referral list should contact Phyllis Gary or Dan Salinas at 572-3753.

The Red Cross schedule of events is as follows:

- Community First Aid and Safety, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday in Alamogordo.
- Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday in Alamogordo.
- Adult CPR, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday in Alamogordo.
- Child, Infant CPR, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., July 8 in Alamogordo.
- Babysitting Class, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 11 in Alamogordo.

For more information, call the Holloman Red Cross at 572-7066.

Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue performs at 7 p.m., Sunday, at the Tays Special Events Center. Free tickets are available at the community center and Chamber of Commerce.

Base celebrates July 4

Independence and Customer Appreciation Day is noon to 8:30 p.m., July 5 at the Fitness and Sports Center. Enjoy the carnival atmosphere with fun activities for all ages. Live entertainment includes the country-western band, Rough Stock, and the alternative rock band, Barkin Weasel. Come out and enjoy the games, prizes and fireworks.

Munitions Storage Closing

The munitions storage area will be closed July 14 to 18 for a 100 percent inventory and leadership changeover. Review all your munitions requirements for this period and submit issue requests no later than noon on Monday to the 49th MXS/MXMWMA. Pick up is no later than July 7. Only emergency requests approved by the 49th MXG commander will be honored during the inventory.

For more information call Munitions Operations at 572-1612 or 572-1613.

Class change

Due to the family day Thursday, the Drivers Improvement Program class is rescheduled to 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., July 16 and 17 at room 226 in building 224,

